

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of : Confirmation No. 9675
Mamoru OHASHI et al. : Docket No. 2000_0486A
Serial No. 09/529,715 : Group Art Unit 1616
Filed April 19, 2000 : Examiner S. Gollamudi

FAST-DISSOLVING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 4, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A fast-dissolving pharmaceutical composition in a solid dosage form, comprising micronized (R)-2-(4-bromo-2-fluorobenzyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-4-spiro-3'-pyrrolidine-1,2',3,5'-tetrone (hereinafter referred to as "AS-3201") having a mean particle size of less than about 20 μm in a ratio of about 0.5% by weight to about 25% by weight of the total weight of the pharmaceutical composition,

wherein when a dissolution percentage of AS-3201 from the composition is measured according to the Paddle method, 50% or more of the AS-3201 in the composition is dissolved within 15 minutes from the start of the method.